NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1877.

OUR BIGGEST SNOW STORM. A BLOCKADE THAT REMINDS OLD

STAGLES OF BITTER 1859. Entire Railway Trains Buried-Street Cars Housed-The Mails Delayed Streets Made Impassable-But Happily the Poor Em-ployed-The Ice Embargo in the Rivers.

Although 1877 is not the Centennial year, and though it is not yet three days old, it has already made itself famous by giving us a snow storm unequalled in this region since 1859. Becity streets faster and faster as the night wore on, until cars and wheeled vehicles were blocked, pedestrianism became a feat, and by daylight the great city lay buried beneath a foot of the pure, glistening element. Then began the work of clearing away the great drifts from ment to hundreds of destitute men. On all the teams, even the little bobtail cars being drawn by the horses. The transportation of merchandise was seriously interrupted on the railroad lines, and the delivery of the mails was impeded. The mail train from Philadelphia, due at 6 o'clock on Monday night, did not arrive until 9.10 yesterday morning. Yesterday's At-lantic express over the Pennsylvania road was six hours late. Commuters' trains were delayed an hour or two in the morning, but by evening on the Southern and Western divisions than on the New York. On the Eric road, the Atlantic express, due at 7 o'clock A. M., did not arrive until after 12 o'clock. Commuters' trains were from one to three bours late in the morning, but were on time in the afternoon. Passengers on hours late, complain that there was no plough Trains provided with these appliances were not is provided for every passenger engine on the road, but the engine drivers dislike to use them. On the Delaware, Luckawanna and Western road trains were not over three hours late. The morning train from Summit and the Bingham-

ton express suffered more than others.
No trains started from the Grand Central depot before 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Those started after that hour were provided

ACTION AND ADDRESS might freight train near Tarrytown.

The through Boston train due here at 5:40 A.
M., arrived at 12:15, and the Shore Line mail. M., arrived at 12:15, and the Shore Line mail, that should have been with it did not arrive, having I lied to connect at New Haven.

In Brooklyn in the e-riy morning the cars were run on bair time, and were then slow in their progress desoute the four or six horses attached. A throng of laborers were but to work in the streets, and the snowfail put dimes in many an empty pocket. The Police Commissioners sent orders so enforce the ordinance directing the sidewalks to be cleaned, and the gutters to be emptied. The Superintendent of Sire is had men taking the snow from the street busins, and the Water Purveyor had the entire pipe yard force clearing the snow from the fire hydrants. President Slocum of the City Works Board requisited authority to have the snow removed from Fulton street below Pearl, from bain street below Sands, and from First street, Williamsourgh, between Grand and Kent avenues. The Brooklyn City Railroad Company offered to give \$1,000 toward the exteense of carting the snow from Fulton and Main streets.

The snow-blockness in Long Isanii was the worst that had been known for ye rs, the snow being of an average depth of from eighteen

THE EASTERN CONFERENCE. Points Upon which the Furkich Delegates De-

cline to Negotiate. CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2 .- The fourth itting of the plenary conference was held yesterday. The Marquis of Salisbury expressed the views of the Plenipotentiaries upon the Turkish counter proposals. During the discussion the Turkish delegates enumerated the points upon tiate. These were briefly the organization of a the question of an international commission, and the extension of Servian territory. The plenipotentiaries asked if this declaration was tantamount to absolute refusal. The Turkish delegates replied that they must refer to the Porte. The next sitting of the conference is fixed for Thursday, when the Porte will give a definite really. The Marquis of Salisbury visited Midhat Pashe, the Grand Visier, after the conference. The Turkish delegates to the conference certain points of the proposals made by the powers, but their counter proposals differ completely from the scheme agreed upon by the

plenipotentiaries. It is said that Gen. Ignatieff, the Russian plenipotentiary, has declared that he cannot discuss the Turkish proposals; and in this he is sup-ported by the other plenipotentiaries. Thurs-

day's sitting will probably be decisive.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Turkey has officially declined every proposal made by Europe n powers. Her plenipotentiaries have especially resisted the proposition of having Turkish prov-

inces occupied by foreign soldiery.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—At Monday's sitting of the Conference the Turks in addition to the points already mentioned, refused to accept the should be that of the majority of the inhabit ante thereof. The Marquis of Salisbury addressed the conference with warmth condemning the obstinacy of the Porte. Although another the obstinacy of the Porte. Although another sitting is appointed for Thursday, but little hope of an understanding is entertained. The Plentpotentiaries have intimated their intention, if the Porte persists in rest ting the proposals of the powers, to gult Constantinople. Gen. Ignatieff has asked Sufvet Pasha for authorization for a Russian man-of-war to enter the Bosphorus to convey him home. Safvet has granted the authorization, and if the efforts to effect an understanding fail, Ignatieff will depart on Saturday.

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At the interview between Lord Salisbury and Those started after that hour were provided with two engines. The threatre train that started on the Harlem road at 11:45 on Monday night was show bound at Tremont, and it remained there until 9 o'clock yesterday morning, as did also the 12 o'clock yesterday morning, as did also the 12 o'clock train on the New Haven. Many ladies on these trains passed a very uncomfortable night. The show formed in great drifts, and overlapped the cars, in some places entirely submerging them.

The Montreal through train on the Hudson River Ro d that started on Monday evening was snowed in at Peekskiil, and remained there until 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The second Atlantic express was snow-bound at Yonkers, and the St. Louis express had not been heard from last evening. All the early commuters' trains were prevented from running yesterday morning, on account of the snowing in of the night freight train near Tarrytown.

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WORK BEGUN IN ALBANY. WHAT THE REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY

CLERK DID NOT READ. The Ironclad Oath-A Committee for Legislative Reapportionment Appointed, but No Square Dea! for New York and Brooklyn.

professes to be a thorough believer in the assertions of Little Johnny Divenport that there were gross frauds in the latest enumeration in

void in law and equity, the making of such bonds to be a felony.

The message was sent to both Houses simultaneously and read by the ciecks. The Senators instened respectfully to the whole of it, but in the Assembly the clerk, evidently at the instigation of the party leaders, did not read the portion referring to nation I affairs. That part is very unpalatable to the Republicans and they declare that it was put into the message at the request of Gov. Filden and simply reflects his views upon the situation.

To-morrow the Legislature will adjourn until Tuesday, to give Speaker Sloan an opportunity to make up his committees.

Many Senators and Assembly men went to Troy to the funeral of Senator Morrissey's son.

It is averred that the appointment of Mr. Pilsbury to be Saperintendent of State Prisons has not been fully determined upon. Mr. Anderson of Brooklyn, who was elected Inspector last fall, is being strongly pushed for the position.

THE FOSHAY HOUSE BURNED.

Two Stories that are Told About the Narrow Escape of the lumates.

At 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, the Poshay House, a long, low, two-story brick structure at Chariton and West street, took fire either in the kitchen or in the barroom. An al rm was given from the street, but the occu-ALBANY, Jan. 2.—Both Houses met at 11 o'clock this morning. In the Senate Lieut.-Gov. Dorsheimer made a brief address, remindfilled the house. The police made the best time snow-bound streets, but were a long time in reaching the fire. The fire engines were even and Senator Sprague, who was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of S.S.

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tions of Little Johnny Diverport that there were gross fraids in the latest enumeration in New York and Brookyn, and he will not consent to give the two cities their just representation under it. As this view tallies with the interests of the party, he will doubtless be able to make the majority see it as he does.

In the Assembly the members took the Ironcial oath, swearing that they had not paid any money or made promises to influence votes in the caves. The only incident of this proceeding was appliance as Mr. Hus of stephol forward sliwns here there noticed, but to day the Bild E. gle was the only minitude accurate from that the grant of the pertylength of the principal given to this is a current rumor that Old Sal'sold out the Ball Earle at the last moment, and defeated him for speaker.

After the formality of electing the officers grant dupon in the Republican caucus list night, Speaker Sloan delivered his address. It made a favorable impression, it is certain that he intends to be a fair presiding officer, and has the tends to be a fair presiding officer, and has the things are to be somewhat lively was made clear before the organization was completed by a little tilt between Spinola and Old Salt over a motion to amend the rules made by the former. Alverd averred that the minority were going to deal I reely in bincombe this winter, and Spinola officed a join of the session Mr. Spinola o

THE ASHTABULA DISASTER.

The Condition of the Wounded-One of the Unidentified Dead-The Inquest. CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.-The victims of the

city to be cared for, are all doing well. The in-

OPENING THE RAILROADS. THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES PUT ON BOARD THE TRAINS.

Thousands Assembled to See the Soldiers Of -Strikers Jeering the Drivers of the Lo-comotives-The Carrying Trade Paralyzed. TORONTO, Jan. 2.-At a late hour last night instructions were issued to run trains both east and west this morning. Accordingly one uniform under Col. Otter and other subordinate officers. Sixty thousand rounds of ammunition were served out. The Deputy Adjutant General met the men at the old fort west of the city. They were called out on a requisition to the Government from the civic authorities at Bellevile. Several thous nd people were at the Union station to see the train off, and many strikers were present, but did nothing except to indulge in good-natured banter with the drivers of the two engines attached and to threaten them with volence in serio comic style. A number of policemen were present to arrest disturbers, but the spectators had a rather tame scene.

The driver of the leading engine was John Connolly, an old express driver, who has been off the road some years. The second engine driver was from the Illinois Central road. He saw matters are worse than he anticipated, but having taken hold he expresses a determination to run her thiough. Connolly knows the road well and the train is safe in his hands. Cobours, sixty him miles, was reached about 6 o'clock. Believille, forty-four miles forther, is generally reached in five hours. There is intense excitement along the whole line. The Superintendent will order no trains out at night, thus avoiding no temptation to the strikers to injure the track. As soon as the line is declared clear other trains will be run as far as possible. Arrangements are being made to despatch mals by segul r trains again. It is likely to be some days before drivers are found for freight and might trains. Meanwhile the carrying trade will be paralyzed and must remain so several days at least. The brakemen and conductors sympathize with the engineers.

It was runored that the Great Western Railway drivers would strike to-day, but it was not confirmed. This would still further tend to benefit the Like Shore interest, which is blamed for fomenting the present trouble. It was also runored last night that the Northern Railway engineers would strike to-day, but both these companies have just denied that there is any difference between them and their men. Other runors are allowed that there is any difference between them and their men. Other runors are allowed to the paralyse of them and their Government from the civic authorities at Belle-

RESCUED FROM A WRECKED BRIG. The Terrible Tortures Suffered by Eleven Men Five Hundred Miles at Sea.

The British steamship Olympia, Capt. Young, brought into port yesterday the officers, crew, and two passengers, in all eleven persons, of the British brig Louisa of St. Kitts. When CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.—The victims of the first sighted by the steamship, the brig was disaster at Ashtabula, who were brought to this | lying with foremast and half of her mainmast

his gold watch and chain. Polinsky shouted for the police, and Officer Farlay ran up. The street sprang over a fence and disappeared. The officer was near enough to grasp the legs of one, but in the deep show bank he shipped and lost his hold. He climbed the fence, ran into the bock yard, and traced one of them into a cellar, into which he followed. He ran against the highwaym and and was strong and was strong and was strong and was strong and traced one of the highwayman, and was soon about to the highwayman, and was soon about to use his club vigorously, the dragged his brisoner out and took him to the lifth sire; police strong. There were purchased during that period the glass of cologing, thriveng allows of the lifth sire; police strong and the club with an area of his sort of the road and a sire that the claim of the lifth sire; police strong and the claim of the large and the side of the lifth sire; police strong and the claim of the large and th

FLORIDA'S FRAUDULENT COUNT. The True Inwardness of the Rascally Return-ing Board's Scheming.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.-Senator Jones of Florida is awaiting a good opportunity to inform the Senate and the country of the devious doings of the Canvassing Board of this State. He believes in some respects the spectacle presented there of inconsistencies is more glaring than elsewhere, because the board proceeds to eat its own words without even offering any extrain for the west left at about 10 A. M., preceded by a snow plough. The train for the east
was delayed until noon, as the orders to the volunteers to accompany it came so late last up its first decision, giving the State night that the soldiers were required to be noti- to Haves and Stearns, they refused to count the foturns from the four countles of Monroe, Manatee, Hamilton, and Jackson, but at the same time finally admitted that set of returns from the two counties of Baker and Clay, which were clearly shown to be properly where they embarked in the cars. To made took special occasion to refer to the conthe train were added four coaches and flicting returns as spurious. They were compilone Pullman car, crowded with passengers, mented at the time for achieving this virtuous who did not appear to be very comfortable amid such reparations for their defence. The Rifles, counties gave Republican results, it cost on the contrary, rather enjoyed the novel duty. They were called out on a requisition to the and Clay. When they were ordered by the Court to reopen the canvass and include the four counties omitted, they found they had cratic national and State tickets had small majorities. To avoid this catastrophe they deliberately reconsidered their action in the cases of Clay and Baker counties, and assumed to admit as genuine those doctored returns that they had previously branded as fraudulent. The order of the Courtefers exclusively to the returns from the four counties. But the board have, in this barefaced manner, reopened issues that they officially declared closed, to now effect fraudulent partisan results for the electoral tacket. This is the attitude of affairs in Florida, the question being whether the Court will accept this unscrupulous action of the board, as in obedience to the direct terms of the mandamus. Senator Jones denied most positively that the Hayes electors had maj ritles on the face of the returns, and thinks the country had better understand by what process the majority now claimed was reached.

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Tallahassee, Jan. 2.—The Supreme Court met yesterday, but did not consider the paper filed by the Board of Carv seers on the 27th ultimo as such an answer to their peremptory writ as the Court would accept. It was returned to the office of the Secretary of State as properly belonging to the files of that office, and the Court ordered the board to answer by 4 P. M. to the plain language of the writ, by canvassing and counting and adding up the vote cast at the election for Governor, and who received the highest vote for such office, and omitting in their returns any votes cast for any other person for any other office, as the rights of Presidential electors and members of Congress were not matters before the Court, and could not be inquired into under these proceedings. The Board made a return at 5 o'clock, the Court baving met at 4 o'clock. The counsel for the relator asked until to-day to examine the return, and the Court adjourned until to-day.

The Democratic Legislature organized to-day, and Gov Drew and Lieut,-tov. Huil were inaugurated anild great rejoicing. All quiet.

POSTMASTER SPERRY'S REVENGE. One Connecticut Legislator who will not Assist him in Getting It.

HARTFORD, Jan. 2. - Members of the Legislature who have arrived here have discussed somewhat a New Haven letter in THE SUN a few days ago, which represented that Postmaster Sperry of that city was seeking political legislation to revenge himself upon Insurance Commissioner Stedman. There was an ance Commissioner Stedman. There was an inference in that letter that the Hon. Henry M. Cleveland of Brooklyn was a party to the scheme, because it was stated that New Haven interests were favoring him for Stedman's place. In Justice to Mr. Cleveland it ought to be said that he is not aware that any person in New Haven is destrous of making use of his name to forward any project; indeed, he had no knowledge that there was any movement there of a personal nature. Mr. Cleveland is too well known to the people of the State to be suspected of an intrigue of the sort in question.

[The New Haven letter alluded to did not accuse Mr. Cle veland of having any knowledge of Postmaster Sperry's design, but plainly declared that the real plot was concealed from him.—ED. SUN.]

SOME WASHINGTON TOPICS. Grant will Recognize Packard and the Re-

dication of the Republican Louisiana Legislature for rotection against domestic violence, it may be said not the United States Supreme Court in the case of

Washington, Jan. 2.—A delegation of South Carolina Republicans, headed by Speaker Mackey and Collector Worthington, are in the city and have had

Protection to Americans in Mexico.

Washington, J. n. 2.—The subject of outrages upon American cultivits on the Mexican border of the Hio Grande by the revolutionists is occupying the attent in of our Government, and orders will soon be sent from ramy and avail for each that quarter with a large of their protection, as I ero is no Oscientan in WASHINGTON, Jan. 2, "deligning in Pennseria avenue and the original of the regularization of Wa to his hand this morning Washibarran, Jan. 2. The puring debt recovers a large security by the puring the second blocks in the

SUN'S REPORTERS.

LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS.

DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE

Rumanism in the Eighteenth Word-A Man Knocked Down and Almost Stripped in the Snow-Storm on Monday Evening.

At about 12 o'clock on Monday night Thomas At about 12 o'clock on Monday night Thomas McManas, of 232 East Twenty-second street, entered the Twenty-second street police station, and said he had been stabbed in Twentieth street, near Avenue A. His companion. James Kiernan, said that he was also slightly hurt. The surgeon found a cut over McManua's right eye that extended over the top of his head, laying open the scalp half way across his skull. Kiernan was cut over the left car from the cheek to the back of the head. The scalp was so bruised that it could be lifted up. McManus said that as he was struggling about in the deep snow he was surrounded by several highway men, who knocked bim down, and almost stripped his treusers off before his friend Kiernan, who was some distance away, could reach bim. McManus made such trousers off before his friend Kiernan, who was some distance away, could reach tim. McManus made such an outery that the highwaymen attacked him with a knife, and when Kiernan approached he, too, was abtacked. The tebners were finally frightened off. Detectives Haley and Slawson arrested James Smith, Patrick Caffrey, James Brennan, James Bowen, Michael McGleinan, Frank Connelly, Peter Brady, and Thomas Winters, and in the Fifty-seventh Street Police Court, yesterday, Justice Murray remanded them.

"Small Things."
The Widow Van Cott was very dramatic in the The Widow Van Cott was very dramatic in the West Thirtieth street Methodist meeting house last even. ing. The subject was "Small Things." She litustrated in pantomime the shooting of President Lincoln by J. Wilkes Booth. Extending her hand which grasped as imaginary pistol, she pointed the weapon direct at the need of the worthy pastor of the church, who sat near her on the pistform. The minister involuntarily shrank away; but before the imaginary pistol was fired, the widow stopped short in her pantomine and said: "The culiet which killed Abraham Lincoln was a small thing, but it is not a thrill of norror and sympathy throughout the civilized world." Mrs. Van Cott swung her arms and showed how the bell-ringer pulled the neel and rang out the joyful thomas when the declaration of independence was made in Philadephia. "It was a small thing to ring that bell," she said, "but its tones are still somning in our ears, proclaiming the God-given right of freedom." Mrs. Van Cott will preach every evening this week. How Things are Done Down Town. Michael Carroll was tried in the General Ses-sions yesterday, on a charge of stabbing John J. Ho-

sions yesterday, on a charge of stabbing John J. Hogan, a First Ward politician, who lives in Justice Hogan's house. The undisputed evidence was that Hogan was crunk late at night in lower Broadway. He encountered the prisoner and his sister, Mrs. Williams, who were soler, and a fight grew out of Hogan's Josting Mrs. Williams. Hogan we re that he was stabbed in the high and in the face. Carroll swore that he us don't his facts. Once Officer Golden took them all to a poly his facts. To lice Officer Golden took them all to a colve his facts. Williams he mershing Justice Hogan sentenced Mrs. Williams the mershing Justice Hogan sentenced Mrs. Williams the mershing Justice Hogan sentenced Mrs. Williams the discussion behavior as a supposed a good reputation by several witnesses. The prisoner, who was fresh from Ireland, was acquitted. Isabelia Thorburn, an attractive girl, aged in years, of 313 East Thirty-seventh street, went to

years, of 313 East Thirty-seventh street, went to Brooklyn yesterday to visit, but, mistaking the car, was taken to East New York. She endeavored to walk back. Three men in a butcher's wagon overtook her, and offered her a seat in their vehicle, saying that the snow was too deep for her to walk. She was carried some distance. The men stopped in front of a barroom. They saked her in to wait by the fire, and then induced her to drink. Two of the men assaulted her indeceatify, le ving her a imost unconscious. She was put into the street, and later in the evening was taken to the Fulcion avenue police station to answer for intexnetion. The ponce hunted for her assailants in valu.

Dwelling Together in Unity.

The Kings county Supervisors meet to-day to reorganize for the new year. The new members are Gallagher (Dem.), Second Ward; Walker (Rep.), Twenteth Ward; Ezoif (Rep.), Twenty-second Ward; Fiedman (Rep.) Twenty fourth Ward. The board stand politically fitteen Republicans and fifteen Democrate, Mayor Schroeder, et officio, gives the Republicans sinteen votes. The Supervisor-at-Large, a Democrat, is allowed to vote only where there is a tie; not even then if it is a question of appointments. There is a singular harmony existing between the two parties in the board-so much of 1t, that keen observers suspect a unity of interest. John L. Rivder, President protein, has been unanimously renominated.

A Riotous Pienic Party. The George Heid Society hired a stage and went on a picuic on New Year's evening. When they arrived at Fred Arnold's, in the B-ulevard, near 110th street, they demanded free drinks, and when Mr. Arnold refused them, one of the party threw a glass of lager at his sister, Mrs. Benne. Officers Delanev and Garaide

Sports in the Hippodrome.
In Gilmore's Garden last evening the Califor

The liquor dealers and saloon keepers of this city have united with the brewers, and have corre-sponded with associations in Euffalo, Rechester, and

The Brooklyn Rink is soon to be opened like to Grand Rink in Paris for roller shating with pattern or skates after the nattern used in the rinks of London.